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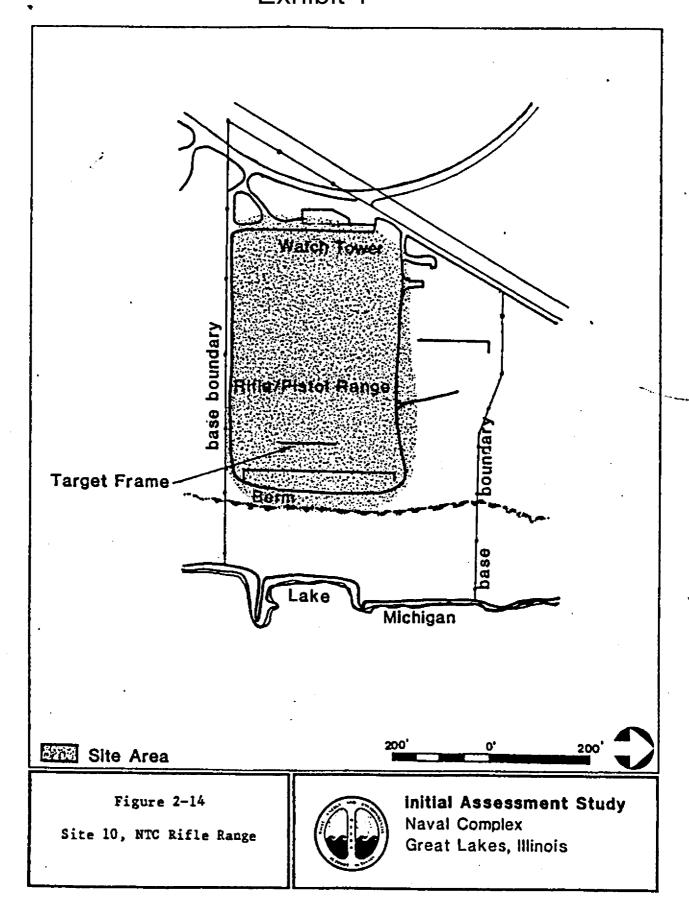
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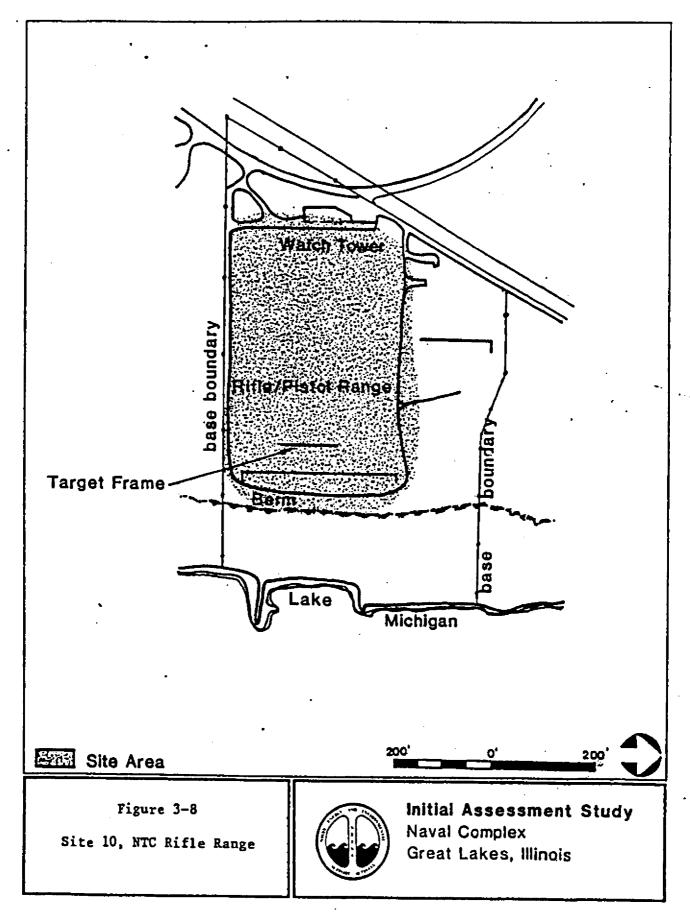
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8.11 SITE 11, BE/E SCHOOL GYRO COMPASS ROOM. Building 2B (rooms 329, 330, 330A, and 330B) housed 15 gyro compasses from 1942 until 1976 (Figure 8-11). Each mechanism contained 10 to 15 pounds of elemental mercury. Reserve mercury was stored in a locker located in room 330C, on the third floor of Building 2B. The gyromechanisms were dismantled in 1976 and sent via Supply to DRMO (then DPDO).

A large (more than 3 feet in diameter) puddle of mercury was discovered under the storage locker in room 330C in 1979 during conversion of the rooms from laboratories into classrooms. Further investigation revealed the presence of mercury in between the floor tiles and the baseboard edging in the room. The other rooms were monitored for mercury vapor. Mercury vapor levels were reportedly negligible and these other rooms were not classed further. School personnel called PWC, which contacted Preventative Medicine and the Fire Department. Personnel from all three groups were present while



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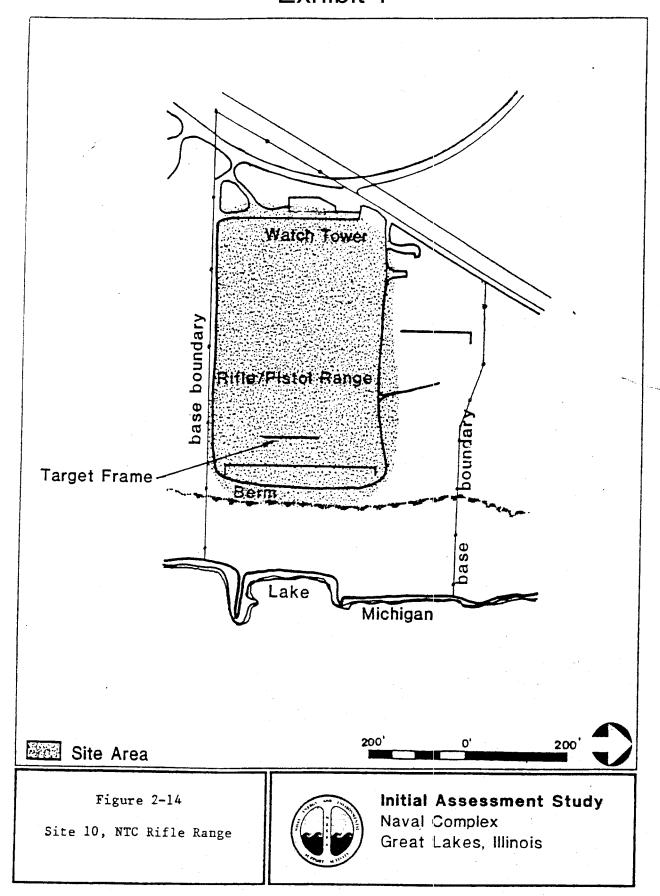
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